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A statement from Gov. Dennis Daugaard on today's unanimous South Dakota Supreme Court ruling that the state system of funding school districts is constitutional:

"I'm pleased with this opinion because the appropriate place to determine school funding is the Legislature, not the courts. I believe we should focus on student achievement, not spending, as the best measure of educational success. That approach is very consistent with the Supreme Court's decision."